

If other countries can protect their families, then why can't we?

American families deserve to know where each politician stands.

#### STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, with his poll numbers tanking, President Biden is trying to buy off voters with mass student loan forgiveness. While this elitist handout may win over his radical progressive base, it is a slap in the face to taxpayers, especially those who never went to college or spent years paying off their own loans.

Make no mistake, blanket loan forgiveness is simply retroactive free college.

Why should a farmer in Idaho or a construction worker in New Jersey pay the tuition bills of an Ivy League lawyer or a wealthy doctor?

Taxpayers are already footing the bill for Biden's student loan repayment moratorium at the cost of \$5 billion every month. Now the Biden administration wants to take hundreds of billions more for his student loan forgiveness scam.

This is wrong and unfair.

#### INFLATION IS NOT JOE BIDEN'S FAULT

(Mr. COHEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, during the break, I had the opportunity to participate in the Transatlantic Dialogue. We had members of parliaments from maybe six or seven different nations: Ireland, Germany, Serbia, and Croatia—all over Europe.

I asked what the rate of inflation was, and in every country, it was 8, 9, and 10 percent. And I asked them if their parliaments didn't blame Biden for it? They laughed. Of course, they laughed.

Inflation is a worldwide problem. We are doing what we can. It is caused by the awful coronavirus and the effects it has had on production in China. And it has hurt our opportunities to continue our manufacturing as we saw it before.

Gasoline prices have increased the same amount in Europe as they have here.

And is it Joe Biden's fault?

No. It is OPEC, and it is Russia. Prices have gone up about 30 percent since they invaded Ukraine.

All Americans should want and should work together to reduce inflation and oil prices. But it is not Joe Biden's fault. It is a worldwide problem.

#### BIDENFLATION

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

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Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, costs for everyday products and services continue to rise, and American families are suffering. Gas costs have doubled under Biden, reaching the highest level ever for the price of gas today.

In the last year we have all experienced price increases for everyday items, including: eggs up 22 percent, chicken up 16 percent, bacon up 17 percent, milk up 14 percent, roasted coffee up 14 percent, and breakfast cereal up 12 percent.

It is not uncommon for a can of soup on the shelf to be marked at 65 cents, but at checkout, it registers \$1. A Dollar Store had all merchandise for \$1 until Valentine's Day, but now all merchandise is \$1.25.

Due to policies pushed by Biden and Democrats, everyday families are left to suffer the effects. America should resume the Trump policies of all-of-the-above energy.

In conclusion, God bless our troops who successfully protected America for 20 years in the global war on terrorism as it continues moving from the Afghanistan safe haven to America.

#### VETERANS DESERVE WORLD-CLASS HEALTH CARE

(Mr. MRVAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MRVAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in appreciation that H.R. 4951, the VA Electronic Health Record Transparency Act, legislation I introduced and was approved by the House last year, has now been approved by the Senate and is being sent to the President's desk to be signed into law.

Throughout my career, I have been privileged to have close working relationships with veterans and veteran service organizations throughout northwest Indiana. These established relationships are what motivated me to secure a position to the House Veterans' Affairs Committee.

As chairman of the Technology Modernization Subcommittee, I have seen the great need for Congress to conduct oversight and have accurate information to ensure that the electronic health record modernization program is able to meet the needs of our veterans.

I thank the leaders of the Senate for also seeing the value of this legislation. And as we move forward, I look forward to obtaining the requested information and continuing our work to ensure that all veterans receive the world-class healthcare they deserve.

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#### FOOD SECURITY

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, President Biden recently promised us food shortages in the United States. This is the country that leads the world in production. Well, that is one heck of a campaign promise being kept. Food shortages, along with energy skyrocketing; what a reset.

Indeed, my home State of California, which produces so much of what America relies on, due to Federal and State policies, the water has been taken away. Up on the Klamath Basin, zero water allocation.

I just drove around part of my west side of the district the other day, and there are miles and miles of open land that is not growing rice; that they are trying to put all that water toward trying to keep orchards alive. The waterfowl are not coming in. The jobs are not happening; all because of a backwards campaign promise, evidently, to put food shortages out there for people.

Empty shelves in the supermarket; it is unbelievable that this is what this administration—and what are they doing? What are they doing?

We are not getting more water facilities built. We are not getting more storage made. No, we are just continuing down the same path to try and save fish that don't exist in the delta, or that are being marketed by people catching them up on the rivers and out in the ocean.

I guess that is why everybody is leading the charge these days in cheering for: Let's go, Brandon.

#### SAVING LIVES

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Buffalo, Tulsa, Philadelphia. Mr. Speaker, I won't be talking about guns. I will be talking about saving lives.

My deepest sympathy to my colleague in Texas that represents Uvalde, and to the people of Texas. And I am going to be repetitive this week. It is going to be about saving lives and explaining to the American people that people take guns to kill. It may be suicide, but it is certainly mass murders. We are up to 200 mass murders up to this date.

But the most stark of what we see is that grocery store shoppers in Buffalo, killed by white supremacy and guns, automatic weapons; here in Uvalde, these precious children, killed by guns, automatic weapons.

We have to pass protecting our children's act, and we must also pass a 7-day waiting period, which I will be introducing to deal with automatic weapons because guns kill.

And the question that all of my colleagues must ask: Do you believe in humanity? Do you have courage? And can you act? That is the only question to save lives.

#### OUR BORDER IS NOT SECURE

(Mr. SMITH of Missouri asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

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Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, as the Republican leader of the House Budget Committee, I led a group of 12 Members of Congress last week to the Rio Grande Valley to see firsthand the real cost of President Biden's disastrous immigration agenda.

There were major gaps in border wall and open areas that make it easier for the Mexican cartels to make millions of dollars trafficking humans and illegal drugs over the border. And yet, we saw \$350 million worth of rusted border wall materials sitting unused because of President Biden's illegal decision to freeze border wall funding.

Border Patrol agents told me they are seeing 10,000 encounters each week in the Rio Grande Valley sector alone, including 174 different nationalities who have been apprehended on the southern border. The rest of the world has figured out that our border is not secure, whether the Biden administration realizes it or not.

I will continue fighting to secure the border and protect families from President Biden's disastrous agenda.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF ALBERT EARL KLEIN, SR.

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of Albert Earl Klein, Sr., known as Al, a veteran, a fellow pharmacist, and a small business owner.

Born in Mt. Pleasant in 1925, Al acquired a love for the outdoors, playing multiple sports, and spending his free time boating, becoming an accomplished fisherman at the young age of 18.

Al went on to serve in the Army, training at Fort Bragg and eventually traveling to Guam as a rescue boat operator. He was honorably discharged after receiving multiple citations and decorations.

Upon returning home, Al earned his doctorate degree in pharmacy at the College of Charleston and obtained his Georgia pharmacy license shortly thereafter.

Al opened several drug stores, one of them in my beautiful hometown of Pooler, Georgia, and he enjoyed a successful career of over 60 years.

After retirement, Al and his wife, Ethel, enjoyed traveling, gardening, and visiting their four children and 12 grandchildren.

Al was a veteran, an honorable business owner, and a family man whose love for the outdoors made sure he lived life to the fullest. He will surely be missed.

#### NEW YORK'S 22ND DISTRICT CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION

(Ms. TENNEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. TENNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the participants of this year's Congressional Art Competition in New York's 22nd Congressional District.

Each year, dozens of high school students from across the 22nd District submit pieces of art that they have spent countless hours and put tremendous effort into perfecting; although every work of art is abandoned, it is never perfect.

Last year's winner, Gavin Schiavi from New Hartford, submitted a beautiful piece done completely with colored pencil, and our judges were thoroughly impressed with the attention to detail and the amazing work done by Gavin.

This year, we made a few additions to the competition. During the last week of April, we held two community art shows where the students' artwork was on display for the public. Over 100 people attended these viewings, voting on two pieces as their favorite; those from Gianna Yacobucci of New Hartford, and Salwa Nadeem of Vestal.

Following these events, our independent judges voted on the winners. The first-place winner was Nadja Wall, with her painting "The Aquarium." In second was Anita Grant from New Hartford; third, Olivia Muse from Vestal; and fourth, Emily Carlson from Holland Patent. Our judges agreed this is one of the best years we have seen in terms of competition and the quality of work submitted.

I thank all of the teachers and students for their work, and the parents as well, for their support of these remarkable students and their fantastic work.

I look forward to viewing everyone's work from all Members of Congress in the hallways of Congress.

#### POLITICIZING THE UVALDE TRAGEDY

(Mr. ROY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, I noticed my colleague from Texas down here a little bit earlier talking about the tragedy in Uvalde. And I can tell you, as someone who represents central Texas and the district and the county that shares a border with Uvalde County, it hits close to home.

But I would note that the President of the United States and my colleagues have suddenly found Uvalde and south Texas on a map. When we have got 15,000 people in a caravan coming to Texas; we have 700-some people, migrants, who have died along the border; we have mobile morgues being used in south Texas along the Rio Grande; and now suddenly, to go exploit a tragedy for political purposes, my colleagues on the other side of the aisle can find Uvalde on a map. Because they sure as hell haven't been able to find Uvalde on

a map over the last year and a half of this administration.

We will have more to talk this week about the politicization of this tragedy in Uvalde, and targeting the pretext and the false use by my colleague from Texas of "automatic weapons" as opposed to semi-automatic weapons.

But let's be clear: Our borders remain wide open, and Americans are dying in droves; hundreds and thousands of people across this country who are dying because of open borders. We will talk about it this week.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bills were signed by Speaker pro tempore Brown on Friday, June 3, 2022:

H.R. 1298, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1233 North Cedar Street in Owasso, Oklahoma, as the "Technical Sergeant Marshall Roberts Post Office Building";

H.R. 3579, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 200 East Main Street in Maroa, Illinois, as the Jeremy L. Ridlen Post Office";

H.R. 3613, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 202 Trumbell Street in Saint Clair, Michigan, as the "Corporal Jeffery Robert Standfest Post Office Building";

H.R. 4168, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6223 Maple Street, in Omaha, Nebraska, as the "Petty Officer 1st Class Charles Jackson French Post Office".

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 24 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. JACKSON LEE) at 3 o'clock and 1 minute p.m.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The House will resume proceedings on postponed questions at a later time.